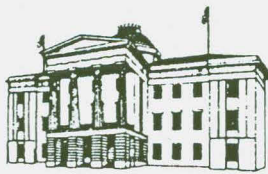


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our State; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires each year; and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths result from home fires in which no smoke alarm or no working smoke alarms were present; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms decrease by half the chance of dying in a reported fire; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance is an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" reminds us all to implement smoke alarm recommendations in our homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010, as "**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of North Carolina's fire and emergency services.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.